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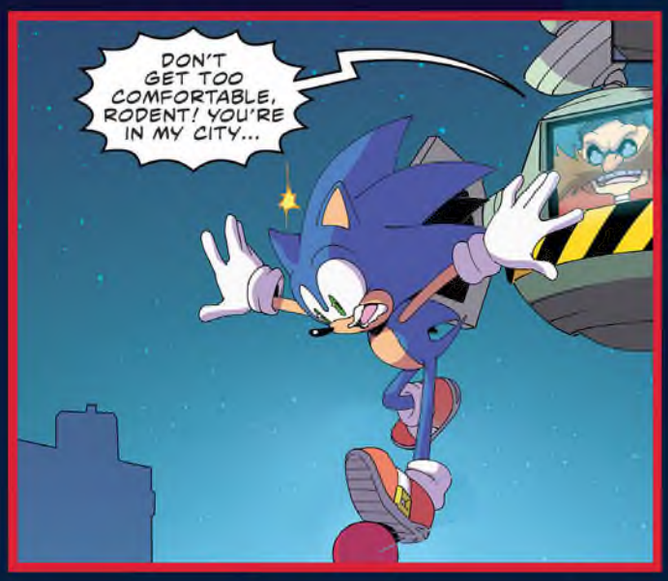
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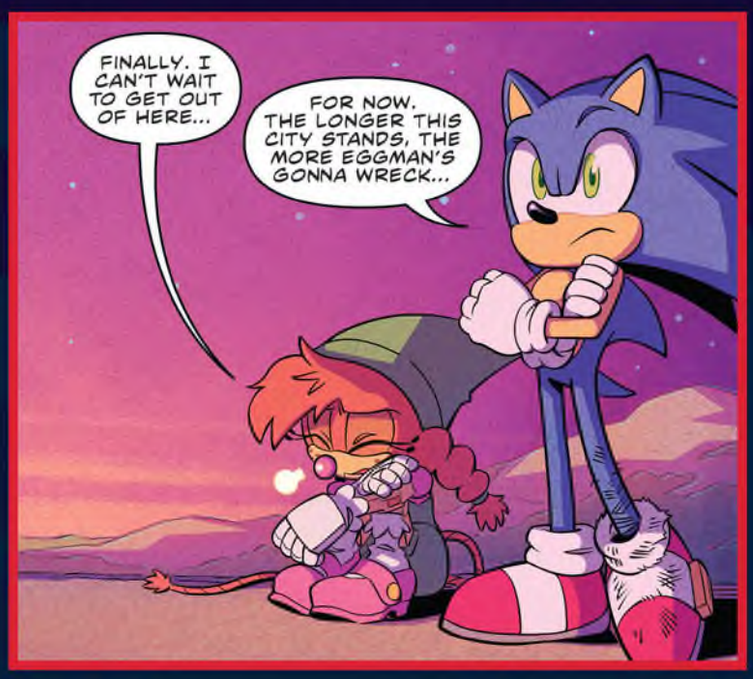
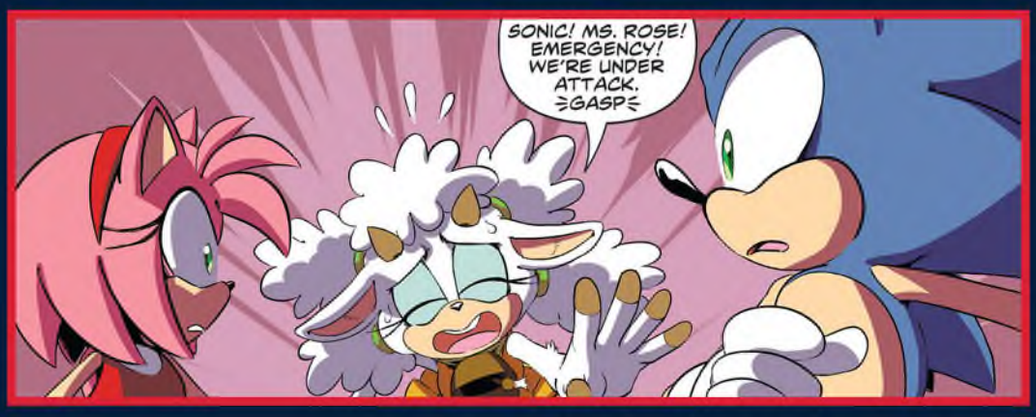

FINALLY. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
FOR NOW. THE LONGER THIS CITY STANDS, THE MORE EGGMAN'S GONNA WRECK...

WE WERE THE DIAMOND CUTTERS.
YOU GUYS LOOK SO COOL!
HEH... THANKS.

...YOU ARE THE FIRST FRIEND I'VE ALLOWED MYSELF TO HAVE SINCE THEN.
I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOSING ANYONE AGAIN...


SONIC! MS. ROSE! EMERGENCY! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK. ≥GASP≤

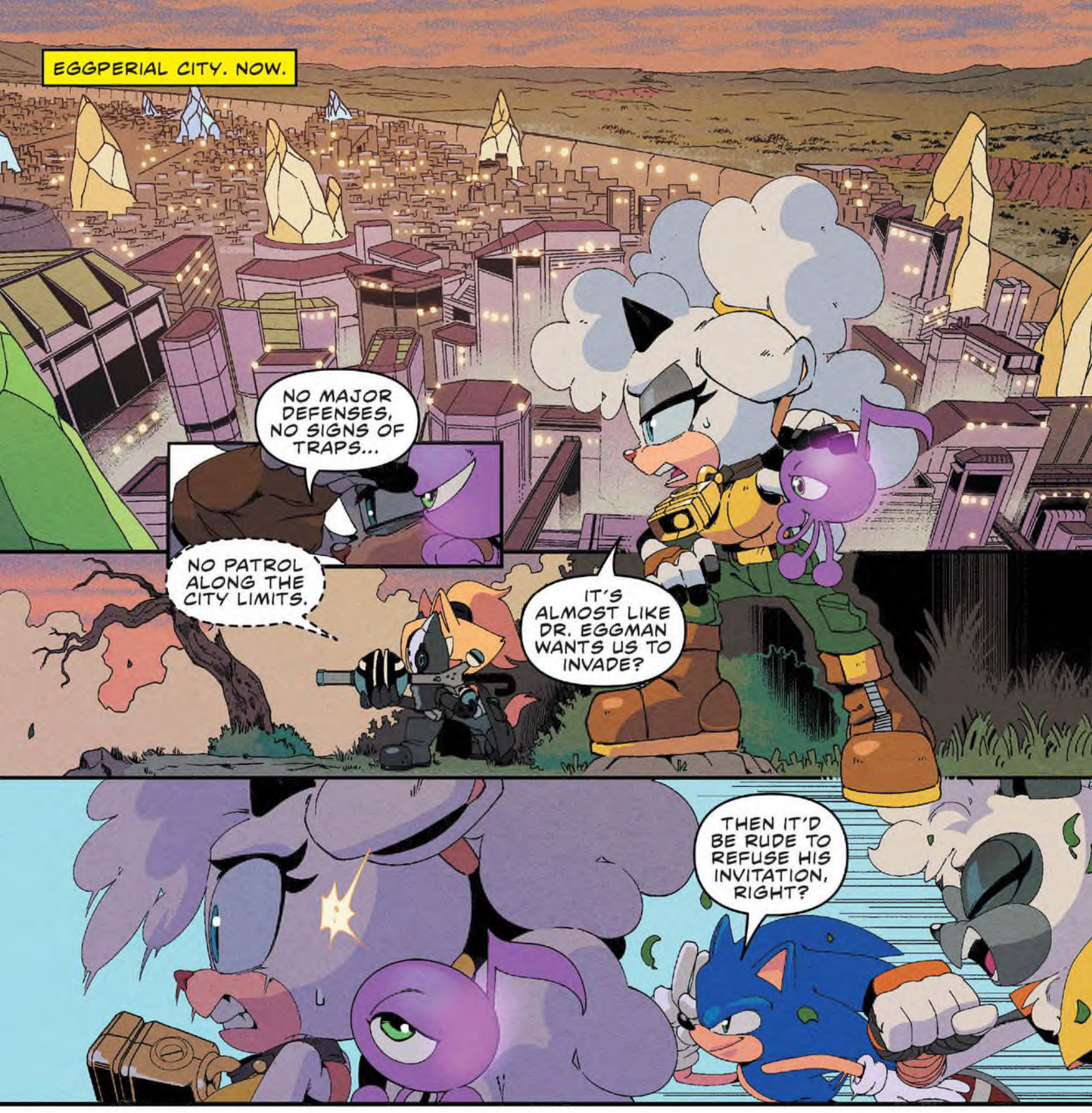
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

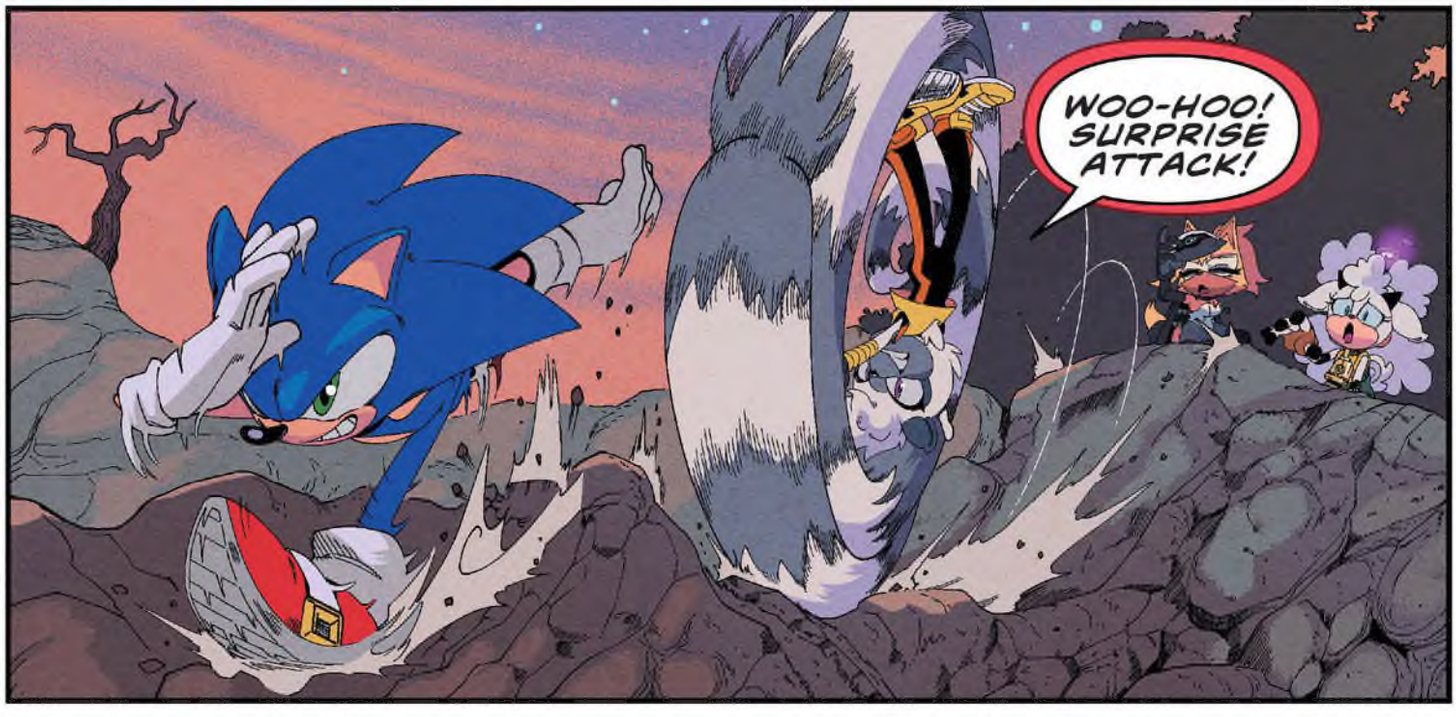
JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.

TANGLE THE LEMUR
Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.

WHISPER THE WOLF
Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.

LANOLIN THE SHEEP
Woolen Warrior.
Restoration volunteer.


EGGPERIAL CITY. NOW.
NO MAJOR DEFENSES, NO SIGNS OF TRAPS...
NO PATROL ALONG THE CITY LIMITS.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE DR. EGGMAN WANTS US TO INVADE?
THEN IT'D BE RUDE TO REFUSE HIS INVITATION, RIGHT?

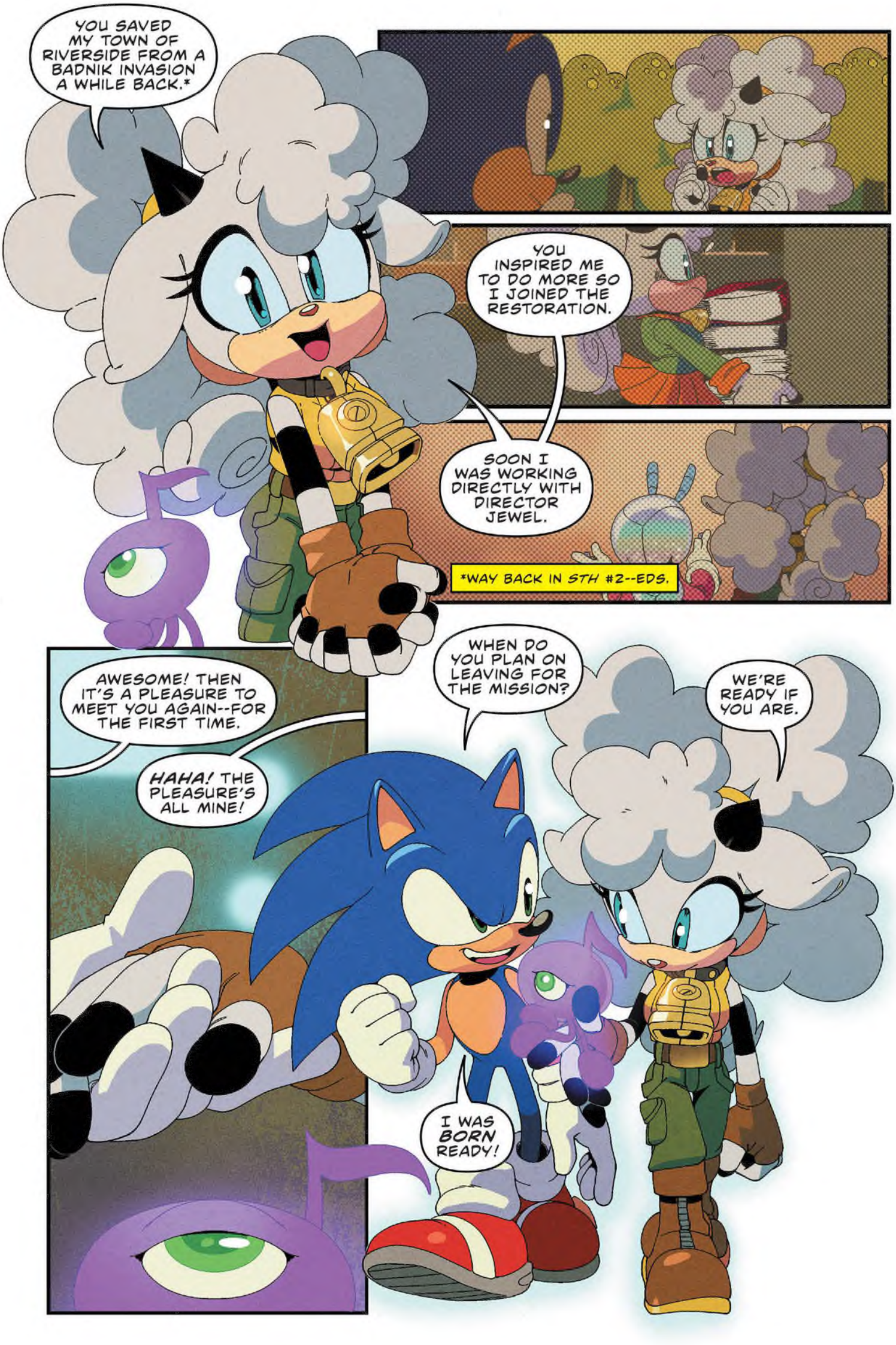

WOO-HOO! SURPRISE ATTACK!

DO THEY HAVE TO BE SO RECKLESS?! THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!
IT'S HOW THEY ARE.
YEAH? WELL THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THEY CAN'T BEAT THE ODDS FOREVER.
I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.
LOOKS LIKE THE BADNIKS ARE SPREAD A LITTLE THINNER THAN THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE!*
*STH #50-52--EDS.
HOPEFULLY NOT TOO THIN! I WANNA TUSSLE!
OH.
HELLO THERE.

GET BEHIND ME!
PLINK
SKYONG
SKYEW
CRASH
HAHA! NICE!
UM... NOT "NICE"?
DID YOU TWO FORGET WHY WE'RE HERE?!

RESTORATION HQ. EARLIER.
HEY THERE, JEWEL! YOU SAID YOU NEEDED A FAVOR?
SONIC! THANK YOU FOR ARRIVING SO PROMPTLY.
YO, SONIC!
HEY, HEY! IS THIS A SURPRISE PARTY OR SOMETHING?
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN. IN THE PAST, THE RESTORATION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON REBUILDING AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.
LANOLIN HAS MADE A CASE ON HOW WE CAN EXPAND.
WE'RE BUILDING A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM TO BOTH PROTECT PEOPLE AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE AGAINST ANY THREATS WE CAN DETECT.
IT'S AN ALL-VOLUNTEER SQUAD. SO FAR, THERE'S TANGLE, WHISPER, AND ME.
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU AROUND AGAIN, BESTIE! I'VE MISSED YA!
YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT AFTER THAT BUSINESS WITH SURGE?*
I'M FINE.
*STH #53-56--EDS.
SO WHAT'S THE FAVOR, THEN?

WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR TIME IN DR. EGGMAN'S NEW BASE.
I WANT TO TAKE OUR TEAM IN, FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON THERE, AND PREPARE A WAY TO BRING IT DOWN.
AND WHILE ALL THREE OF THEM ARE QUITE CAPABLE, THIS IS DR. EGGMAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I WAS HOPING YOU'D LEND YOUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO THE MISSION.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN! I'M IN! DO YOU HAVE A TEAM NAME?
I VOTE DIAMOND CUTTERS!
NICE! THAT SOUNDS COOL!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME, SONIC.
ZERO OFFENSE, BUT I DON'T THINK WE'VE MET?
IT WAS BRIEF, AND YOU WERE BUSY...


YOU SAVED MY TOWN OF RIVERSIDE FROM A BADNIK INVASION A WHILE BACK.*
YOU INSPIRED ME TO DO MORE SO I JOINED THE RESTORATION.
SOON I WAS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH DIRECTOR JEWEL.
*WAY BACK IN STH #2--EDS.
AWESOME! THEN IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AGAIN--FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HAHA! THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE!
WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON LEAVING FOR THE MISSION?
WE'RE READY IF YOU ARE.
I WAS BORN READY!

I DON'T.

WOP
WOP
WOP

I FOUND THE SPOT WHERE METAL SONIC WAS LAST SEEN AT THE ENGINE PLANT.
I DON'T THINK SONIC HAS THE TIME TO TOW UP AFTER OURSELF.
HE'S OUT.

NOW WE'RE RIGHT THE CITY IS GETTING BIGGER.
NOT ONLY IS IT GROWING, IT CAN REPAIR ITSELF.
HOW IS THIS EVEN POSSIBLE?

NO DEAL!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LET US DO THAT, TOO!
MAYBE LATER. WE'LL SEE.

CAUTIOUSLY.
AWWWWWW

SKYONG.
SKYONG.

BOOM

END MATTERS!
VIRTUALLY NORMAL. PERHAPS IN THE PROBLEM!

IT'S STRIP-MINING EVERYTHING UNDERNEATH IT! IT'S ALL BEING HOLLOWED OUT!
ALL THE MINERALS, NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANT LIFE—GONE!

I BET IT THE CITY WILL KEEP EXPANDING IT MIGHT STOP UNTIL EGGHEAD'S PARTS OVER THE ENTIRE PLANET.

NOT TOO SHABBY! BUGGER! THIS MAKES THE TRUTH EGG LOOK SUBMARINE.

KER-CHACK

SHAZAM
BZZTRRAK

THAT... THAT'S THE SAME KIND OF PORTAL THING FROM DOCTOR'S TOWER MANTAUK!
YOU'RE RIGHT. WE DO NOT WANT TO PASS THROUGH THAT.

RUN!

SLAUGHTER'S OUT OF SERVICE. THIS ON TODAY'S TRIP IS ALMOST TO GET BURNT!

NEXT TIME:
REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

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CREATOR CORNER:
MIN HO KIM

What part of the Sonic *comics do you create?*

I draw cover art as well as color them!

Who's your favorite Sonic *character in the IDW books?*

Tails! Love all his inventions and his adorableness…is… MAXIMUM!

How do you take your chili dog?

Absolutely LOADED with shredded cheese and jalapeños!

How did you first discover Sonic?

My parents bought a GameCube with a copy of *Sonic Adventure 2: Battle* when I was a wee little lad! I instantly fell in love with the game, and I've been playing it again and again ever since.

What was the first IDW issue you worked on?

Scrapnik Island #1! I did the B cover for it!

What's a boring fact about yourself?

I like looking at birds. Big birds. Small birds. Ugly birds. To me, they're all great. All birds are great birds. I hope we can all agree.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic*)?*

Loooove *Cucumber Quest* by Gigi D.G. It's such a wonderfully colored comic with a very cute story. If we're talking about manga, I adore *Bakuman.* It's such an inspirational book that I think every artist should read!

What do you do when you're not drawing/working on Sonic?

I'm usually reading stuff! Stuff 'n things! I'm really big into manga so I'll just go and read anything that catches my eye!

What's the most unusual Sonic *thing you own?*

I have this off-model Amy face mask that I've owned since I was 5 or 6. I remember wearing it to school constantly because it was the only Sonic-related clothing I had!

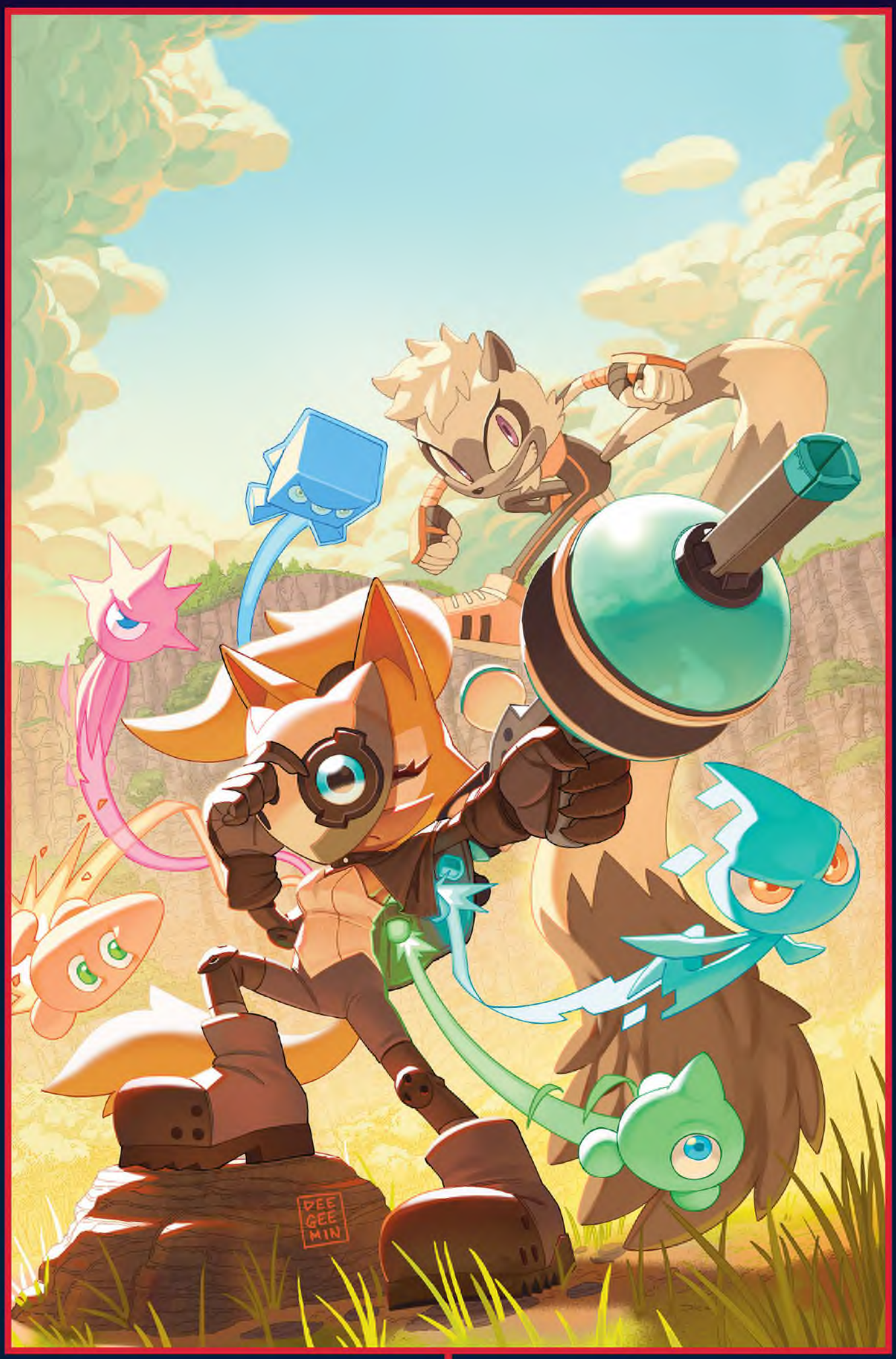
If you could go to dinner with one Sonic *character who would it be and why?*

I'd probably go with Big! I think both of us would very much enjoy our time eating large quantities of food. That and our talks would be nice and simple. Hehe.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

I'd be a koala. I love sleeping in whenever I can get the chance. Also, I just like their unique look compared to most other *Sonic* characters. They have these small, beady eyes that I find neato!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, a new team joins the fight!



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